

HONORING THE LEGACY OF
FRANCES CHAMBERS**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, South Florida recently lost a truly remarkable woman and pillar of our community—Mrs. Frances Chambers. Fran, as she was affectionately known, leaves behind a legacy that will long endure.

Fran was the consummate lifelong learner. Born on November 13, 1921, in Miami, Fran graduated from Booker T. Washington High, and then went on to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree—with highest honors—from Bennett College in 1942. She then received a Master of Arts degree from New York University, and later continued her studies, amassing more postgraduate credits than are required for a doctoral degree from several Florida universities.

She turned her enthusiasm for studies into a love of teaching. Fran taught and guided generations of students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, where she was loved by her students and admired by her peers. For more than 37 years Fran shared her passion with her students at Dunbar Elementary, Miami Jackson Senior High, COPE Center North, and Holmes Elementary. She was involved in nearly every aspect of education for the children of South Florida—finally retiring in 1979.

But Fran was not just a perennial educator; she was also a committed volunteer. She began volunteering for the March of Dimes and American Heart Association in the 1950s. Later, she served as board chair of the James E. Scott Community Association, a group that provides social services for those in need, and was also a member of the Seniors Centers of Dade County, League of Women Voters and the NAACP. Fran remained active in the community well after her retirement from Miami-Dade County Public Schools—her commitment to volunteerism and the South Florida community is as impressive as it is praiseworthy.

Her other passion was for the preservation and dissemination of the history of Miami's African-American pioneers. Fran had a vision to research and publish a book, so that the records of these remarkable people could be recorded and shared. Her goal was to help assure that future generations could appreciate the long and difficult road so many of these pioneers had to endure, and to draw strength and encouragement from them.

In 2000, Fran learned she was afflicted with Alzheimer's disease. But this bad news could not keep her dream from being realized. After nearly three decades, her vision finally came to fruition. Her resolve and her vision were so admired by those in the South Florida community that others picked up her mantle and carried out her work to completion. In 2010, a collaborative effort made her dream a reality. Linkages & Legacies was the end result of all of Fran's hard work. And in true Frances Chambers style, the publication was her gift to the community so that this history could be told for generations to come.

Fran may be gone, but her legacy and love will forever be a constant presence in South Florida. It is carried on through her work, and

through her 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She was a unique and truly awe-inspiring woman. All of our hearts in the South Florida community are a little heavier this week as we honor and remember Frances Chambers.

HONORING ASHEVILLE BUNCOMBE
COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN MIN-
ISTRY OF ASHEVILLE, NORTH
CAROLINA ON THE 20TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF ITS DOCTOR'S MED-
ICAL CLINIC**HON. HEATH SHULER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHULER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry, ABCCM, of Asheville, North Carolina, on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of its Doctor's Medical Clinic.

The ministry was founded in 1969 by eight local churches and is now a cooperative ministry of more than 260 churches that strive to serve the needy citizens of Buncombe County. In 1991, the ministry opened a clinic to deliver quality medical care, referral management, and medication for the citizens of Buncombe County who are uninsured, underinsured and ineligible for Medicaid or Medicare. A number of volunteer registered nurses, nurse practitioners, social workers and physicians donate countless hours of their time to see to the medical needs of their fellow citizens in an empathetic and welcoming manner.

In addition to the Doctor's Medical Clinic, ABCCM also performs community outreach in other ways by providing counseling, food, clothing, furniture, rent and utility assistance, and transportation to the disadvantaged in the community. It provides educational opportunities and books and coordinates religious services for inmates at local jails. The ministry also operates two shelters, one to help homeless veterans reenter society and one to provide emergency shelter for homeless women.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry for the outstanding work they have done for more than 40 years in Western North Carolina. As they celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Doctor's Medical Clinic, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating their hard work and spirit of compassion that has had an enormous impact on the lives of many of the neediest in our community.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTH-
DAY OF MARGARET ASKEW
COOPER**HON. STEVE COHEN**

OF TENNESSEE

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Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th birthday of lifelong Memphian Margaret Askew Cooper. Born October 8, 1911, Mrs. Cooper is the mother of three children, Charles Askew, Mauri Askew and Turner Askew. She has five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Cooper has dedicated much of her life to serving the Memphis community. She was instrumental in the founding of the Le Bonheur Club which is a non-profit organization that supports Le Bonheur Children's Hospital through fundraising and volunteer service. Mrs. Cooper helped shape Les Passees, Memphis' original women's volunteer organization. Les Passees was incorporated in 1932 and has since supported the USO, the Shelby County Chapter of Society for Crippled Children and Adults, opened a center for children living with cerebral palsy and centers dedicated to the well-being of children and families.

Throughout her life, Margaret Cooper has had quite the reputation as a great dancer. Today, she still makes Saturday nights her dancing nights. During her 100th birthday celebration, well-known Memphis band leader Jim Johnson will fulfill a promise he made to Mrs. Cooper nearly 20 years ago. He told her that he would get his band back together to perform at her 100th birthday party. I am certain that she and all of her family and friends will have a memorable celebration filled with fun and dancing.

All who know Margaret Cooper admire her perennially positive outlook which has influenced hundreds throughout her life. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Mrs. Margaret Askew Cooper a happy 100th birthday and in commending her on a life dedicated to her family and her community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained at a meeting outside the Capitol, and I missed one vote on October 5, 2011. Had I been able to, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 747, an amendment offered by Mr. WAXMAN to H.R. 2681, the Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011.

PASSING OF HARRY KEMP

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Harry Kemp, who passed away on September 29, 2011, at the age of 78 years. Mr. Kemp was a mentor, community leader, veteran and most of all a consummate professional photographer. In fact, Mr. Kemp was often called the Visual Griot of Milwaukee's Black Community.

Through his camera lens Mr. Kemp captured over 50 years of Milwaukee's Black Community by recording countless historic functions, political gatherings, educational lectures and social functions. In the late 1960s, Mr. Kemp became a member of the Black Press and he took photographs for the Milwaukee Community Journal, the Milwaukee Courier and the Milwaukee Times. He was a photographer for the Milwaukee Brewer's Baseball Team and worked as a freelance and